

pedic work from the perusal of its initiatory volume, one can not fail to be impressed with the special fitness of the three score and more collaborators chosen by the erudite teacher, surgeon and editor, W. W. Keen, and to note their genuine desire to produce a thoroughly complete and standard work. Were additional proof of the foregoing statement necessary, one might refer to the active participation of many of these collaborators in the International Congress of Surgery, to which the choice surgical minds of the world had been invited. Echoes of this memorable Congress are clearly discernible in numerous sections of Keen's system of surgery.

The International Medical Annual; a Year Book of Treatment and Practitioner's Index, 1906. E. B. Treat and Company, \$1.50 net.

This is the twenty-fourth issue of the Medical Annual. Its contents are conveniently arranged. The general practitioner will be fortified by consulting the book, and the specialist can not fail to be broadened by perusing it. It affords really an interesting survey of medicine and surgery.

The review of therapeutic progress during 1905 begins with the statement that there has been no progress during that year, but much experience in the use of many drugs will be found recorded there. The communications of the sober-minded and the enthusiastic are concisely and impartially, but not uncritically, reproduced. He who may be toiling to support a failing heart is here apprised that "cactus grandiflorus is in every way superior to digitalis." Another whose resources are nigh to exhaustion will take heart when he reads that "Couch has found formic acid a marvelous remedy in rheumatic conditions and in arthritis deformans." The treatment of chorea has hitherto been efficacious and not unpleasant, but the man who would treat it with emetics is not allowed to languish in obscurity. Much interesting literature on new preparations such as digalen, alypin, iothion and on the administration of less recent ones like adrenalin and stovain, is excerpted in a practical manner. Lumbar puncture, the intravenous injection of oxygen, organotherapy and the X-rays are carefully considered. On surgical subjects, perhaps the most interesting contributions to the book are those by A. W. Mayo Robson; to his discussions of appendicitis and the surgery of the stomach neither physician nor surgeon will be indifferent. The advancement of research on syphilitic infection is recorded up to the time of the successful transmission of the disease to apes, but the publication preceded the discovery of the spirochaeta pallida. These specimens may suffice to give some idea of the diversity of the matter contained in the book. From the list of subjects which follow one another in alphabetical order and are treated by very competent writers, nothing of importance seems to have been omitted between acne and yaws.

An Introduction to Physiology. By William Townsend Porter, M. D., Associate Professor of Physiology in the Harvard Medical School. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1906.

The present volume, says the author in the preface to the second edition, is a collection of fundamental experiments in several fields, printed in an abbreviated form for the temporary use of Harvard medical students and other interested persons. From another part of the preface we learn that in pursuance of the "Concentration" system the Harvard medical student is able to devote his second half-year entirely to physiology and biological chemistry. If this young man, highly favored by so capable guidance in his observation and experiments as may be found in the work before us, avail him-

self of his opportunities, he might excite the envy of the many who have had to acquire their knowledge of physiology in a less practical way—an envy, however, probably often tempered by the consideration that many have learned and few know.

After the General Properties of Living Tissues have been elucidated by remarks and experiments on the electrical, chemical and mechanical stimulation of muscle and nerve, the Income of Energy is illustrated by work on fermentation, blood and respiration, and under the Outgo of Energy heat, electromotive phenomena, the Central Nervous System, physiological Optics and other subjects are considered. The apparatus required, the mode of conducting the experiment, the observations to be made and the conclusions to be derived are clearly set forth. Theory is not neglected. The student is prepared by the account of the motor points, blood-counts, the use of the ophthalmoscope for his subsequent clinical activity. The book does all that a book of the kind can do. He who follows its precepts will come close to nature and get his facts at first hand.

The Practitioner's Medical Dictionary. An illustrated dictionary of medicine and allied subjects, including all the words and phrases generally used in medicine, with their proper pronunciation, derivation and definition. By George M. Gould, A. M., M. D. With 338 illustrations. Octavo; xvi plus 1043 pages. Flexible leather, gilt edges, rounded corners, \$5.00; with thumb index, \$6.00 net. P. Blakiston's Son & Co., publishers, 1012 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

This book is in every respect and detail new. Its object is to supply the practitioner with trustworthy, modern definitions of essential medical words and terms. It is based on recent medical literature. It contains among other new features the terms of the Basle Anatomical Nomenclature (BNA). The standards of pharmaceutical preparations as authorized by the eighth decennial revision of the United States Pharmacopoeia are given. Tables of signs and abbreviations used in general medicine and the specialties, and of the English and metric systems of weights and measures are introduced.

Thornton's Pocket Medical Formulary. New (8th) edition, revised to accord with the new United States Pharmacopoeia. Containing about 2,000 prescriptions, with indications for their use. In one leather bound volume. Price \$1.50 net. Lea Brothers & Co., publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1907.

AN HONOR TO A CALIFORNIA SURGEON.

It is with pleasure that we note in the January number of the "Bulletin of the Surgical Society of Paris" that a distinguished member of our society, Dr. Dudley Tait, of San Francisco, has been elected one of the foreign corresponding members. As the number of such members is strictly limited, the election to this membership is a distinct honor, and we congratulate Dr. Tait.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Journal of Inebriety, after thirty years of continuous studies of the disease of inebriety and drug taking, begins its new decade by entering upon comparatively new fields of physiological and psychological therapeutics, for the treatment of these neurosis. Arrangements have been completed by which the Archives of Physiological Therapy has been consolidated and will hereafter be published as a part of the Journal of Inebriety.